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In re patent application of : Group Art Unit 1615
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Serial No.: 09/654,996 : Examiner Lakshmi S. Channavajjala
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For: TNF MODULATORS FOR :
TREATING NEUROLOGICAL :
DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH :
VIRAL INFECTION :

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the First Office Action.

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 to 48 by combining Alexander and Christensen. In addition, the Examiner has rejected Claims 49 to 84 by combining Alexander, Christensen and Andrus. For the following reasons, these patents, either alone, or in combination, do not teach the invention as claimed. For example, it is not obvious to combine these patents to teach combining a TNF antagonist with an antiviral agent to treat specific neurological and viral conditions.